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Senate Bill 153 Signed into Law on Veterans Day

Madison – On Wednesday, November 11, Governor Walker signed Senate Bill 153, authored by Senator Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls) and Representative John Murtha (R-Baldwin). It is very fitting this bill becomes Wisconsin law on Veterans Day.

“Earlier this year, Senator Harsdorf and I were approached by a local VFW post that collects donated vehicles to raise money for services and programs for veterans. In response, we authored this bill that allows departments to donate abandoned vehicles to non-profit organizations,” said Murtha. “It enables organizations like the VFW to have easier access to the vehicles they need to continue their fundraising. Law enforcement has also indicated that frequently abandoned vehicles have no value for sale and the law enforcement agency incurs towing costs for removing the vehicle from their possession. As a result, this legislation will not only provide a source of revenue for veterans groups and other non-profits, but it will also reduce taxpayer costs.

“I thank Governor Walker, Senator Harsdorf and her staff, and everyone who made this new Wisconsin law possible. Veterans make us proud every day of the year. I am glad that this year, on Veterans Day, we were able to assist veterans organizations and other non-profits.”

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